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Serial No.: Not assigned Group Art Unit: 1646
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For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS: NO-FEE AMENDMENT

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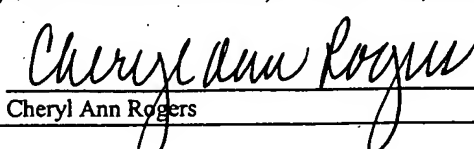
Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-identified patent application (which is filed concurrently herewith), and prior to calculation of the filing fee, Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments.

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